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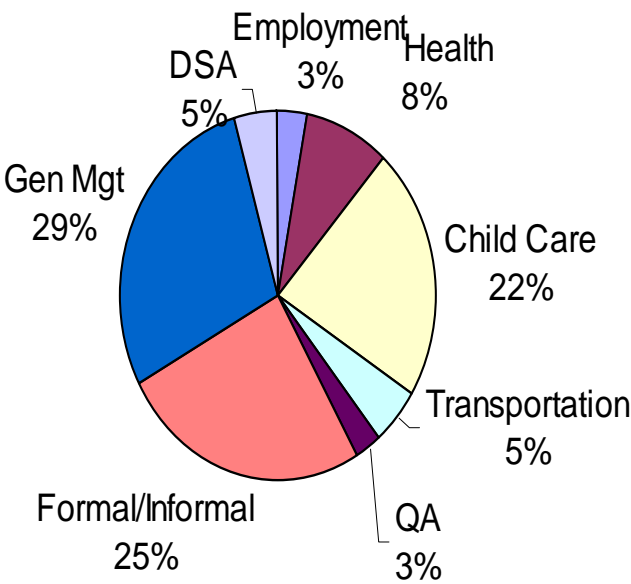
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*From the KCDD Chairperson and the
Executive Director*

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The focus of the Council's five year plan (2001-2006) has been 'targeting change' for persons with developmental disabilities. This has involved offering opportunities to agencies and individuals with developmental disabilities to 'try something new'. We have challenged health care, education, employment, childcare and advocates to 'try something new' and have seen amazing results. Given the challenge our grantees have risen to the occasion and provided results that exceeded our original outcomes.

While most of our results have been successful, some have caused us to re-think our expected outcomes and/or the methods of implementation; none of our projects have been failures. Failure is not a word that the Council recognizes because with every project we learn. We learn what works and what does not work and this lends itself to further change.

As the Council enters the final two years of the current plan we are taking the 'lessons learned' from the projects we have sponsored during this plan and are using them as a catalyst for the next five year plan. While it will be difficult to end

some of our current projects, it is necessary. The Council cannot continually fund any one project. To do this would mean that we would remain steady and cease to challenge visionary change. It is worthy to note that one of the Council's true measures of success is for a project to continue beyond our funding. This is occurring with many of our projects.

The change process is an evolving process that continually keeps the Council moving forward and thinking with vision. We wish to thank all of our grantees, our partners and friends for the support and guidance that they continue to provide the Council as we continue to "Target Change" in Kentucky.

Chastity Ross, Chair

Pat Seybold, Executive Director



Health

The Council’s health goal is to impact at least five professional schools by offering post secondary training in health and medicine by ensuring that the curriculum includes practical experiences in providing service and care to individuals with disabilities of all ages. The Preservice Health Training Project is a collaborative project with the Interdisciplinary Human Development Institute in which health care for individuals with disabilities is intended to improve by incorporating training modules into existing curriculum of Medical, Nursing, Physician Assistant and Dental school students. The modules are of virtual patients in a web based format. The modules are now in place in five separate programs in four Kentucky universities and one university outside of Kentucky. Ms. Carla Sanders has been hired as the project’s full-time coordinator and Ms. Sara Boyd as the new project research assistant.

The “Bryan” and “Jay” Modules have been approved by the American Osteopathic Association for two hours of CME credits. Also the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) has granted two CME hours for the Student Clinician Modules. The PHT modules have been distributed to the following State Developmental Disability Councils that

expressed interest in the project: Kansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Virginia, and South Dakota. The Preservice Health Training Project was also chosen by Dr. Lee Todd, President of the University of Kentucky, as a Commonwealth Collaborative, a highly selective and unique honor, as having the potential for significant statewide impact upon the quality of life of Kentucky citizens.



Transportation

The Council’s first transportation target focuses on modifying existing legislation or initiating new legislation to create public policies that improve transportation resources for individuals with disabilities in Kentucky. The Council has contracted with the Martin School of Public Policy to provide an ongoing analysis of transportation-related issues and options. This type of vital background information will guide the Council in decision making on important transportation issues for people with disabilities.



Council Members visit with Representative Steve Nunn at the KCDD’s Annual Legislative Breakfast

Collaboration

The Kentucky Council on Developmental Disabilities has had a historically strong relationship with its two sister agencies, the Kentucky Division of Protection and Advocacy (P&A) and the Interdisciplinary Human Development Institute (IHDI).

Current efforts include projects in a) medical school student training in developmental disabilities via on-line "virtual patient" modules for Kentucky's three medical schools and b) the development of ten inclusive model school sites throughout Kentucky that demonstrate high achievement for all students. KCDD awarded a seed grant to IHDI to develop a statewide conference and website on Kentucky Peer Tutoring for High School students in spring 2002. IHDI successfully acquired its first ADD Project of National Significance grant in September 2002 to establish inclusive service learning opportunities for students with developmental disabilities and their typical peers.

The directors of all three agencies have met on a frequent basis to align the efforts for change in Kentucky and will continue to do so



Cross-Cutting

The Council serves as a knowledge leader, distributing information via printed materials and an online site (www.kcdd.ky.gov). KCDD members and staff also serve on boards, councils, and coalitions working to provide leadership and advocacy on disability issues. This cross-cutting collaboration with other organizations enhances the Council's efforts to address key areas of emphasis. Examples of Council efforts include work with:

Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board

Vocational Rehabilitation Advisory Board

Advocates to Restore Medicaid Services (ARMS)

Medicaid Buy-In Infrastructure Grant

ARC Advisory Board

HB144

Americans with Disabilities Act Collaboration

Interagency Coordinating Council

Kentucky Disabilities Coalition

Kentucky Business Leadership Network

Education

Educational efforts and early intervention have always been high priorities for the Council. Ongoing projects work to ensure that students of all ages will have access to appropriate educational opportunities throughout Kentucky. In its current five-year plan, the Council has targeted the need to increase opportunities for students with disabilities to be included in general education settings with appropriate supports to enhance learning and peer socialization.



Disability advocates from all over the state gather in Frankfort at the capitol for the 874K coalition annual rally

ADA Coordinator's Meeting Project

This project provided support to the ADA Compliance Officials from the state's postsecondary institutions while they worked to develop an organization that would allow them to positively impact the lives of students with disabilities. The group was successfully organized and formally named the "Governor's ADA Task Force on Postsecondary Education". The task force is now comprised of 27 post-secondary institutions and continues to meet and become a recognized body in assuring 508 compliance. As a result of the task force efforts the issue of accessibility is becoming recognized as a viable issue on campuses throughout the state. The ADA Coordinators are working more closely together and have successfully developed minimum standards for 508 compliance that has drawn national attention. They have also initiated discussions with the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities who want to develop policies to assure compliance with 508 standards. They have initiated discussions with the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities who want to develop policies to assure compliance with 508 standards.

Child Care - Project EQuIP

This is a new project that has just gotten underway that will train early education teachers how to integrate children into early childhood or day care programs. The model for this project comes from The Vanderbilt Project, which is a project of national significance and is being modified to suit the particular needs of Kentucky. The staff is developing a detailed training plan, which includes objectives, content, method, materials, etc. that have been demonstrated to be effective in training adults to appropriately include children with developmental disabilities in childcare programs. Once completed, this training plan will be of sufficient detail that others will be able to implement the training. Also, the training will be incorporated into UK's curriculum for early education teachers.



Employment

Project ASSET 2002 Advancing Supported Self-Employment Techniques

The Council's Employment Team embarked on a collaborative effort with the Kentucky Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) aimed at assisting individuals with developmental disabilities who want to establish a self-owned business. The Council's target in its current five-year plan calls for at least 20 individuals to own their own business by 2006. The project started in 2002 and has two goals. The first goal was developing expertise among DVR personnel, service providers, small business enterprises, disability advocates and stakeholders. The second goal was to provide Individualized service to 20 potential business owners and develop businesses that are based on a person's interest, abilities and goals. Project ASSET staff are working with 18 individuals and their teams in either developing their own businesses or in providing technical assistance to help stabilize businesses that have opened. Enterprises vary from a NASCAR hobby shop in Pikeville to a community garden project in Lexington to a shitake mushroom business in Madison County. Sig-

nificant progress has been made towards meeting the project's goals and a lot has been learned about the business planning process and most importantly, systems change has occurred. DVR has taken what has been learned by this project and is now offering self-employment as a service option for its clients.



Tommy's Fun Collectibles opened in Danville, KY December 2005.



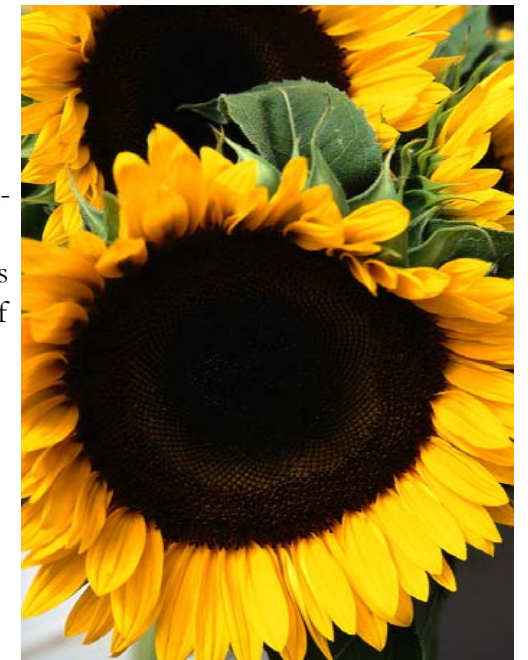
Kevin Webb was proud to announce the grand opening of his new business, Webb-Taylor Stables in Glasgow, KY

Quality Assurance

The KCDD places a high value on educating individuals with developmental disabilities about the values and principles of self-determination. It is believed that an education-based effort will act as a catalyst toward systems change, resulting in increased choices, changes and flexibility in the lives of people with disabilities and their families.

The Consumer Involvement Fund

The Council's Consumer Involvement Fund provides assistance to those working as advocates in the developmental disabilities field so they may attend and participate in conferences and short-term education programs that enhance Kentucky's capacity building in the area of self-determination. This year the fund sponsored 59 people with disabilities and families to attend 15 different state and national conferences/educational seminars.



Legislative Quality Assurance Targets

The Council has set long-term goals for systems change related to legislative policy. Public policy support will be achieved through ongoing facilitation of grass roots coalition-building, self advocacy planning and training, and effective dissemination of information related to developmental disability issues.

Additional Quality Assurance Goals

In conjunction with its 2001-2006 State Plan, the Council has set several outcomes related to quality assurance. Ongoing work in these areas will further ensure that the Council contributes to meaningful systems change that protects self determination, productivity, and integration and inclusion in community life for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Target

The Council in collaboration with Kentucky Protection and Advocacy has established a Hispanic outreach line. The outreach line is intended to serve as an informational resource for Spanish-speaking consumers throughout the state who have questions related to developmental disabilities. Protection and Advocacy has diligently pursued outreach to the growing Hispanic population; holding forums, sending staff to the community, advertising and passing out information about the service.